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Vice-President Richard M. Nixon leaves convention session at Washington after making address. Pictured (left to right) are Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society; Vice-President Nixon; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president, World's Union; and Anita and Faith Nomura, Honolulu, daughters of Walter Nomura, president, Territory of Hawaii Union, seeking autographs. Photo by Howard W. Rick.

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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

After Washington — WHAT?

The World's Christian Endeavor Convention was one of the greatest! The program was superb! The fellowship was glorious! The spiritual tone was very high! The challenge to action caught fire! Tremendous opportunities are ahead. Doors are open. *Will there be advances?* Much depends on the response when the Washington Story is told to Endeavorers and friends in many nations. If we are to avail ourselves of the opportunities there must be more imparting of Christian Endeavor information, more prayer, and an increase of financial support. Work is definitely restricted by lack of funds. This limits production of literature, representative attendance at conferences, visitation by general secretaries, and placing of men in the field. At present all individuals in leadership in the World's Union are employed full-time in other positions. A better financial situation would help make it possible for someone to spend all of his time on World Union activities. A fund for extension was started at Washington when a special offering was taken. Will it end with that? Officers have urged national unions and individuals to secure gifts, to encourage bequests and to appeal for financial help. May we so pray and work that we may capture our opportunities for Christ!

A Big "Day" for "The World"

A special "day" has been set aside for the introduction of an interesting and helpful "friend" to more young people. Sunday, October 31, is designated as "The Christian Endeavor World Day." Presentation will be made to promote the pioneer Protestant youth publication, which is crammed full of valuable reading. Dr. Raymond M. Veh, for over a score of years editor of "Builders," is the writer of the Intermediate topics with Rev. Earle W. Gates, noted Christian Endeavor leader, as author of the comments on Senior-Young People's subjects. Bert H. Davis, well known writer of many articles and books, edits the Young Adult Workshop. Amy Deck Faust, author of the monthly articles on audio-visual, is an expert in this field. She recently returned from the International Audio-Visual Workshop at Green Lake, Wisconsin. "The World" is full of other helps and Christian Endeavor news. Observe this day. For other information and sample copies write to "The Christian Endeavor World," 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

For Your Information

Adean Ziegler, president of Virginia Union, was married to Dewey Arthur Young in Roanoke, August 28 — *Walter T. Nomura*, president of the Territory of Hawaii Union, has been elected vice-moderator of the Oahu Evangelical Association — *Verna J. Dozier* of Washington, D. C., a writer of topics for the *Junior C. E. Meetings*, won a city-wide religious drama writing contest in the Capital City — *Dr. Daniel A. Poling*, in collaboration with Dr. Henry Thomas, has produced a companion piece to the Bible, *The Glory and The Wonder of The Bible*, which will be published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company in October — *Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy* of India, represented Christian Endeavor at the meeting of the Youth Committee of the World Council of Churches at Conference Point, Wisconsin, in September.

Gene Stone

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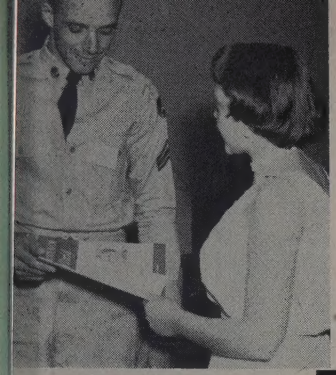

Christian Endeavorers Welcome

New American Citizens

Margaret Bates, secretary of Washington Committee for the World's Christian Endeavor Convention, gives a copy of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and other literature to a soldier who formerly lived in Colombia.

Photos by Howard W. Rick

Newly naturalized citizens are in a happy mood as Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, wife of the president of the International Society, distributes refreshments. The youth receiving the plate is Corporal Wladyslaw Sirko, 29, a wheel chair patient at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, who is a native of Poland.

Mrs. Alden E. Imus, wife of the vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Middle Atlantic Region, talks with Mrs. Elmentraude Munoz, formerly of Germany.

District of Columbia Union Entertains

A hand of friendship was extended. This was from Christian Endeavorers to new American citizens.

A warm welcome was given 113 adopted sons and daughters of the United States in our Nation's Capital City August 10 by members of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union.

This was one of the projects of the Christian Citizenship Crusade sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

113 Pledge New Allegience

At 10 o'clock the morning of August 10, 113 aliens faced Judge Walter Bastian in the Ceremonial Room of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia. Forty-five minutes later these same people began to leave the courtroom as American citizens. Invitations had been given to these individuals and their friends and relatives to come to a reception following the ceremonies. A time of fellowship with refreshments was held in the Lawyers' Lounge of the Courthouse.

Following greetings and congratulations copies of *The Christian Endeavor World* and other literature were distributed. Refreshments including cold punch, sandwiches and cookies were served to the group from a table decorated with an American flag flanked by red, white and blue candles. Interesting and lively conversations took place as all the new citizens spoke English.

A number in the group were from countries behind the Iron Curtain including Latvia, Estonia, Russia, Czechoslovakia and Roumania. Others were from Poland, Canada and France and from neighboring countries to the south, namely Cuba, Jamaica, and Chile.

Six men in the uniform of the United States became new Americans. One of these youth was in a wheel chair, having given a leg for the country, which not until August 10 was actually his. He is still a patient at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

First Religious Group To Aid

It was the privilege of the Christian Endeavorers to be the first church or religious group to honor new citizens in Washington. These ceremonies occur usually once a month. About a year ago Mrs. Edwina Avery, editor of *The Immigration and Naturalization Service*, realized that some of those being naturalized, especially the servicemen, had no friends or relatives here to share what many call "the most important day in my life." At her suggestion the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia, took the responsibility for a reception following the ceremonies. This started a tradition.

The Christian Endeavorers who assisted in the event included Nellie Griffin, Mrs. Alden Imus, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carter, Mrs. George A. Wilson II, Margaret Bates, Mrs. Margaret Grzeszkiewicz, Mrs. Guy Withers, Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, Mrs. Carl Hilley and Howard W. Rick.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, has congratulated the Washington Endeavorers for this project and has urged groups in other parts of the country to hold similar receptions.

World C. E. Leaders Press For Extension Of Program

Seek Prayer, Information, and Financial Aid for Work With Youth Around the Globe - Great Challenges Given at Washington Convention

vention Photos by Howard W. Rick

RS. SARA ADAMS BARNES of enney Farms, Florida, who attend- the first World's Convention in ashington in 1896, registers. Mrs. erritt Smith at left gives a smil- g welcome.

RS. DANIEL A. POLING leads nference on Fellowship of Prayer. ristina MacAskill of Boston, Mass., rves as chairman.

R. ROBERT W. RASH, secretary Christian Education, United ethren in Christ, leads one of the nvention conferences. Russell S. wdey, President, New York State ion, is at right.

Christian Endeavor leaders came to Washington — they faced facts — they renewed their dedication to Christ and the Church — they scattered abroad determined to strengthen the work of the movement around the world.

Tremendous challenges were presented and opportunities unveiled at the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention held in Washington, D. C., July 24-28.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon were among the outstanding speakers who addressed the 2,000 delegates who came from 25 countries.

The response of 30 youth to the call for Life-Work Recruits at the closing service was the great climax.

Looking to an advance in the total program of World Christian Endeavor leaders urged that representative units and individuals accept responsibility for the following:

(a) acquiring and imparting information concerning the global work of Christian Endeavor;
(b) awakening prayer fellowship for work of Christian Endeavor in every land;
(c) raising the necessary financial support for the adequate maintenance and extension of the work.

Dr. Poling Gives Closing Message

"Now, in our 12th World's Convention standing firmly upon the rock of our faith, we reaffirm the cardinal principles of our fellowship in these words of our comprehensive, militant slogan, 'One World Through Christ,'" Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union, stated in firm and resolute tones as he brought the closing message of the convention.

"In the most recent ten years I have seen Christian Endeavor move steadily from numerical and organizational recession, particularly in the United States, to even more definite organizational efficiency, with increases in societies and in membership in practically every national union and in many states of the American Union. It is prophetic and sometimes sublime that in those nations the most heavily smitten by war, notably in Britain, Germany, and Japan, our progress and growth under God has been greatest. Truly, what hath God wrought?

"To this moment, I have spoken as your World President, and now as one who is also an American citizen,

The address of President Dwight D. Eisenhower at the World's Christian Endeavor Convention and other news of the meetings in Washington appeared in the last issue of The World. *A pamphlet containing the messages of both the President and the Vice-President has been printed and can be obtained for five cents a copy from the International Society of Christian Endeavor,* 1221 *East Broad Street, Columbus* 16, *Ohio.*

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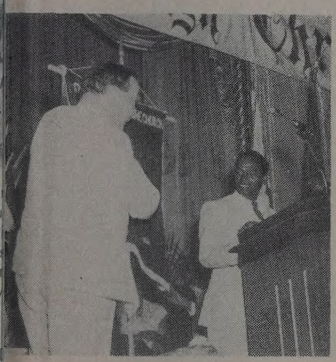
DR. DANIEL A. POLING p badge on President Dwight D. enhower as the chief executi the United States arrives to d a message.

REV. ANDREW WRIGHT, ge secretary Area II, speaks at l eon. Pictured at table (left to r are Dr. Poling, Avedis Hasse of Lebanon, and Dr. Ernest E. B president, International Societ

JUNIORS attend sessions. Dr. iel A. Poling is shown surrou by boys and girls at Washi meetings. At the left is Dr. E R. Bryan and at right Dr. Stone.

R. AND MRS. C. E. SPONSOR" ive. Mr. and Mrs. Forrest R. ore from the First Christian urch, Canton, Ohio, were winners THE LOOKOUT contest to de- mine outstanding youth advisors.

EADERS shown (left to right) are . James Kelly, Scotland, vice- esident, World's Union; Rev. Bob ss, associate president, Interna- nal; Rev. Hedley Plunkett, Ire- nd, and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, ce-president, International.



EV. SOLOMON DORAISAWMY resents a banner from India Union World's President, Dr. Poling.

LARK V. POLING POST, Ameri- n Legion, Washington, D.C., hon- s Dr. Daniel A. Poling with cita- on. Dr. Nelson M. Blake (center) d Dr. William B. Adams take part.

an American Christian Endeavorer standing in the Capital of his country and with the words of the President of the United States still beating upon the drums of his ears, I voice the overwhelming sentiment of my fellow Christian Endeavorers when I say that we support our government, in its unanimously expressed purpose not to recognize the government of the Chinese mainland nor to support its admission into the United Nations. We cannot take into our councils and to our diplomatic embrace a government that has slain and continues to slay our sons, a government of torture and mass executions, a government that has liquidated the Christian churches and their worshippers, a government of declared atheism that practices with utmost brutality its pagan denials. We, too, have sinned but we do not glorify the sin. Rather, in sackcloth and ashes, we confess and would do works meet for repentance. Our freedom is not yet perfected but it is being perfected. The goal is still on ahead but it is the genius of our freedom that we may and do march.

"The recent unanimous decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, all nine judges uniting, the decision which declared segregation in this nation unconstitutional and outlawed, is significant of the chasm forever fixed between atheistic dictatorship and a freedom that is made symbolic and vocal by two words added to the pledge of allegiance — 'under God' — 'This nation under God.' Christian Endeavors, God grant that 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength,' we shall help make those words come alive in our civic deeds and in our lives."

Spiritual Revival in Germany

Rev. Arno Pagel

"At the end of World War II there were only political and religious ruins in Germany but afterwards the churches experienced spiritual revival," Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union and a newly elected vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, advised. "Many young people have been reached and have responded. Much of the revival has been due to tent meetings which have been conducted by many denominations. Christian Endeavor has played a big part in this effort."

"Thirty evangelistic meetings were conducted by Christian Endeavor last summer," Mr. Pagel reported. "Church attendance has increased. Christian Endeavor is also on the move in other ways. Nearly 200 societies were active at the end of the war. Now there are 700 societies in Western Germany. The young people range from 14 to 30 years, no older people are in these groups."

"No organized Christian Endeavor groups exist in Eastern Germany but there are informal gatherings to study the Bible," the German President informed the delegates. "Through permission of authorities in May I visited the Eastern zone of Germany and conducted extensive meetings with good response and found an increased spirituality among the young people.

"There is no social work with youth. They are permitted to read the Bible. The Christian youth are effectively witnessing for Christ as individuals in the schools, factories and offices of Eastern Germany. These folk are witnessing despite the fact that in many instances they sometimes are removed from school or lose their positions.

"We had a happy experience with Christian Endeavor in Marburg, Germany, last summer when 8,000 young people from Germany and several other countries from Europe were present," Mr. Pagel stated. "We also had young people from behind the Iron Curtain."

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VISIT TO WHITE HOUSE was an exciting extracurricular activity at convention. Some of the delegates are shown leaving the home of the President of the United States.

CLARK VANDERSALL POLING, JR., son of the late Chaplain Clark Vandersall Poling, one of the heroes of the S.S. DORCHESTER, and grandson of the World's Union President, takes part in a presentation on India.

MERRITT L. SMITH is presented token of appreciation by Dr. Daniel A. Poling for his outstanding work as chairman of arrangements committee.

MR. AND MRS. GORDON S. DAVIDSON of South Australia talk with Rev. Hedley Plunkett (center).

Vice-President of The United States Honored . . .

Citation Presented at Convention To Hon. Richard M. Nixon

RICHARD M. NIXON — in 1925 president of a Christian Endeavor society and in 1954 Vice-President of the United States — addressed the 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D. C., Wednesday, July 28, 11:15 A. M.

Vice-President Nixon told Endeavorers he first got on his feet and talked before a Christian Endeavor society, he urged the youth to continue their efforts in Christian citizenship, and he plead for dedicated men and women to help bring world peace.

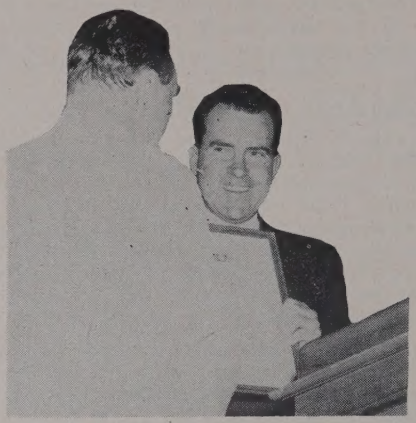
Christian Endeavor honored the Vice-President by presenting him with a Distinguished Service Citation.

A portion of the address made by Christian Endeavor Alumnus Richard M. Nixon is as follows:

"I am happy that we could get here for this session this morning and I want to tell you that it is a particular privilege to appear to stand before a group of which I am actually an alumnus, since I was once a member of a Christian Endeavor society. The church to which I belonged was a very small one — East Whittier Friends Church. The membership of the church at the time I belonged to it was not more than 150. The C. E. society at that time ranged from 15 to 25 to 30 members and yet I recall attending the meetings of the C. E. society through the years.

What C. E. Meant To Me

"I have been trying to recall what the Christian Endeavor society and those meetings has meant to me and in that way perhaps I might indicate what it might mean to you. These things stand out in my mind. It gave all of us who were members an opportunity to have a better understanding of our common faith, and it, of course, provided a forum in which we had fine associations and made good friends, not only in our small groups but in our conventions. I never had the opportunity you have of attending a large convention although I heard about them. I did have the opportunity of going to county and state conventions and the friends that were made there remain friends all the days of our life. That association was something memorable in my life and I am sure that it is memorable in all the lives here.



Dr. Poling Makes Award
To Christian Endeavor Alumnus

First Talk — Before C. E.

"Something else that I got out of C. E. work was this: I recall that the first time that I got on my feet and talked was before a Christian Endeavor society. As you know when you are a leader on a Sunday night the responsibility is yours to lead the meeting and you have to do some speaking, whether you like to or not.

"I happened to be a leader on several occasions, and what little experience that I did get in that capacity, I am sure had considerable effect in reducing the fear that you normally have in coming before an audience. And so, as I remember that third phase of Christian Endeavor work and what it meant, that brings me to the point that I would like to emphasize in my remarks to you this morning.

"All of you who have been in Christian Endeavor work know that it provides an excellent place for the development of leaders. You learn to speak, you learn to discuss intelligently various issues, problems that happen to be the subject for a particular meeting, you learn to work with others and you learn to compromise differences of opinion on how various projects are to be carried forward. In developing leaders you are developing Christian leaders. Now why is that so important? I think the President covered that point very, very eloquently in his remarks before you, which I had the opportunity to read in the newspapers. I should like to cover it today in the light of my own experiences, the experience to which Dr. Poling has referred, the trip that I took around the world, and the experiences which I have had during the years I have been in Washington, in the House of Representatives, in the Senate, and now in the office of Vice-President of the United States.

President . . . and Pianist

Honorable Richard M. Nixon, vice-president of the United States, was president of the Christian Endeavor society of the Friends Church, East Whittier, California, in 1925. He also served as pianist.

Leader Urges Citizenship Crusade Be Continued

The Great Struggle Today

"I think that we have a tendency these days to sometimes fail to recognize the true character of this great struggle that is going on in the world today. We all emphasize the fact that the struggle is military in character to an extent because you have lined up on the one side the forces of the free nations and you have on the other side the forces of totalitarian nations. We emphasize the military phase of that struggle, which is vitally important, that our nation the United States and the other nations among the free nations, many of whom are represented here, must remain militarily strong, if they are to resist surrender, and if they are to avoid war. In dealing with a dictatorship we realize that history shows us, unfortunately, that a policy of military weakness leads to war and that the policy of strength is perhaps the only way to avoid war when you are dealing with that kind of man. And so we have no argument on that score, the emphasis is placed there and perhaps properly so.

"Another phase of the struggle which has been emphasized a great deal is what we may call its economic phase. How often have you heard people say 'If you give people enough to eat, they aren't going to be Communists.' I remember when I was traveling through Asia, throughout countries like India, Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia and the like — countries in which the standard of living is relatively low, compared to the standards of living we know in the United States, and some of the European countries — that I constantly heard that theme repeated, but repeated by people who were making a superficial analysis of a very complicated problem.

Christian Endeavor Provides an Excellent Place for the Development of Leaders - RICHARD M. NIXON

Spiritual Dignity of Man

"All of us should know, and I am sure that everyone here does know, that the struggle in which the world is engaged today is not only military and economic in character but that above all that its actually a struggle for the souls of men. Unless we realize that, we are going to lose it, because strangely enough, I think that we will find that the greatest weakness of Communism is the fact that it denies the spiritual dignity of man. And the greatest strength of the free nations, is that we believe in and respect the individual's spiritual dignity of men and women as human beings. And so under the circumstances, since that is our strength and that is their weakness, it is essential that we understand that struggle and that we win it. And may I say in that connection, that we are not going to win it by simply exposing Communism for what it is. That must be done. We must expose its Godless character, we must expose the fact that men become slaves, rather than remaining free under Communistic system, that nations are exploited, that they lose their independence, rather than to gain it as the Communists promised it.

We Need Dedicated Men

"I urge that you continue in your activities, your activities of building Christian leaders, and certainly the Crusade for Christian Citizenship which I understand the Christian Endeavor has adopted as one of its great objectives for this period of time is one to which all of us can subscribe. We need dedicated men and women on our side, because the other side has dedicated men and women, and out of the Christian Endeavor movement certainly can come dedicated men and women — dedicated men and women who will understand the nature of the conflict that goes on in the world, and who for that reason will be able to present our side as effectively as it should be presented in all the capitals of the world in which the Christian Endeavor movement happens to be existing.

"May I add just one final note in the nature of, I would say, a note of optimism in a period which appears to be somewhat dark as we try to determine whether we are to have peace or war and as we try to determine whether our side will win or the other side will win. You can be sure in your hearts, as I am sure, there can be no question about the outcome because we are on the right side. We are on the side of freedom, the side of justice. We are on the side of the spiritual dignity of men and women against the forces of slavery, injustice, godless totalitarianism and under the circumstances we are bound in the end to win and I think we are bound to win without a war.

We Can Have Peace

"We shall have peace and we can have it, provided world leadership is equal to the task. And you young people coming along — you have led your Christian Endeavor meetings, perhaps larger than the group that I used to lead. But you are coming along and I am sure that you will contribute tremendously to the type of leadership which will bring about the kind of world we all want in which men and women can live together in peace and friendship.

It has been a very great privilege to be with you today and I regret that I must leave. As you know we have a joint session of the House and Senate to hear a distinguished visitor, the President of Korea. I wish I had the time to get around and circulate with you to perhaps sign an autograph. I see a few books around that have been in front of me, but in any event, it's been a great privilege to be here and may I express particular appreciation to our friends here from, what I am sure in the near future, will be the 49th state of the Union, our friends from Hawaii.

Tribute to Dr. Poling

"I guess we'll have to go, I just want to add one other word. After hearing this fine Hawaiian Choir, I recall that during the days that I was in Christian Endeavor, the name that was almost fabulous was that of Daniel Poling. I remember at that time, I didn't have the slightest idea back in 1925 that I would ever meet this man who sent out the various things we used to read. You know, the class studies and projects and this and that, therefore, if somebody were to have told me that I would be standing on the platform today receiving this overly generous certificate from the man who heads the Christian Endeavor Society, I would certainly have told them that I couldn't believe that it was possible. And so I just want to pay tribute to this man who has dedicated his life to not only this cause but to so many other good causes, not only in his church, but for his country and for his government. He is a great credit to the church to which he belongs, to the Christian Endeavor Society and the United States of America, in my opinion.

Praises Hawaiian Singing

"Incidently I just want to say one thing about this singing. I have heard a lot of this fine Hawaiian music when I visited Hawaii, as you know on two previous occasions. One of the reasons we want Hawaii for a state among many others is that it will certainly add to the whole musical tradition of the States of the Union to have Hawaii not only just a territory, as it is at the present time, but as a state.

"Just to show you that in the United States of America that music is not partisan in any sense of the word but it is actually bi-partisan, I told you that I used to lead Christian Endeavor, I will have you know that at one time too, I used to play the piano for Christian Endeavor."

* * * * * * Citation * * * * * *

Hon. Richard M. Nixon
Vice-President

The 12th World's Christian Endeavor Convention recognizes The Honorable Richard M. Nixon as a fellow Christian Endeavorer, distinguished in peace as in war for his courage, integrity, statesmanship and Christian faith, which have been steadily demonstrated in patriotic service for God and country.

In Vice-President Nixon's round-the-world mission, his words and his presence were a message of brotherhood and peace.

His life is an inspiration to youth.

This Convention, bringing together representatives of our movement from all areas of the world, confers upon Richard Nixon its Distinguished Service Citation.

DANIEL A. POLING
President, The World's Christian Endeavor Union

ANDREW WRIGHT
General Secretary, Eastern Area

ERNEST R. BRYAN
General Secretary, Western Area

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Jana Woodrum

Goes To Washington

Winner of Christian Endeavor Citizenship Contest Is Honored In Nation's Capital

JANA is congratulated by Honorable Richard M. Nixon, vice-president of the United States.

JANA and other winners in Citizenship Contest are given special recognition at World's Convention in Washington. Shown (left to right) are John Shellenberger, Jr., Little Falls, New Jersey, runner-up in finals; Jean L. Vaughn, Hagerstown, Maryland, state winner; Jana Woodrum; Lucille Ann Gould, Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, runner-up in the finals; and Helen C. Scott, Washington, D. C., runner-up in Middle Atlantic Region. Awards were sent to a number of other winners who could not be present at the convention.

JANA receives certificate as top winner in contest and check for $250. Presentation is made by Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of International Society. Jana also had her expenses to the convention taken care of as a part of her award.

JANA pleads for good citizenship as she is interviewed by Art Lamb on television program over Station WTTG in Washington, D. C.

—Photos by Howard W. Rick

JANA meets her Congressman, Honorable William S. Hill. With her are two other Colorado Endeavorers, Janette Udd (at right) and Dorothy F. Hamel. Mr. Hill is a former Christian Endeavorer and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Collins. Mr. Hill placed Jana's prize-winning letter in THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of May 4, 1954.

World's C.E. Convention

From A Teenager's Point-of-View

(Sixteen-year-old Jana Woodrum tells her story of the great meetings in Washington, D. C. — Editor)

SINCE the last issue of the *Christian Endeavor World* gave everyone a good idea of what happened in Washington, D. C. at the World's Convention, I would like to share the outstanding experiences I had and give an impression of the convention from a teenager's point-of-view.

We (my traveling companions from Colorado, Janette Udd, Dot Hamel, and I) experienced a big thrill when Mrs. Merritt L. Smith introduced us to Dr. Poling soon after we registered and received our convention badges. The important Christian Endeavor celebrities kept wandering into the hotel lobby, and before long we had also met Dr. Bryan and Dr. Stone. It was really fun to have my name mean something to such outstanding people as these and it made me glad I had worked hard to write a good essay.

At the reception for all the delegates given by the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Saturday afternoon, Janette introduced us to Mabel Preston from Wisconsin. When Mabel found out I was from Berthoud, Colorado, she exclaimed, "Why, I'm going to be a teacher in your high school next year!" Now Mabel lives only three blocks from me and already she has been asked to lead the young people's group in our church—a small world in Christian Endeavor.

Early Sunday morning over one thousand representatives from every corner of the globe left the Mayflower Hotel by chartered bus and traveled to the Metropolitan Methodist Church for our World Communion Service. Ministers from Canada, India, Japan, Germany, and the United States led in the ceremony, and the spirit of Christ seemed to unite us all.

Sunday afternoon President Eisenhower addressed our Convention—"All the weapons of war can produce no lasting peace, only a great moral crusade determined that men shall . . . live as people . . . attempting to express . . . their conceptions of what the Almighty would have us do!" This was his challenge to us.

Sunday night we went to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crammer's home for our Christian Endeavor meeting. Here we met Glenn and Virginia Barton, Dave Heyward, Bob and Janice Griffee, and Mary Cameron. Mr. Crammer led the meeting, which turned into a lively discussion, and afterwards, while we ate ice cream and cake, we claimed the record of having the longest and best Christian Endeavor meeting ever held.

Monday morning our conferences began. I chose *The Fellowship of Prayer* with Mrs. Daniel A. Poling.

Tuesday we toured the White House, and then met Dr. Stone, Mr. Crammer, and Howard Rick at a TV studio where I was interviewed on the "Lamb Session." I explained what the Christian Endeavor Movement is and also told about the Christian Citizenship Contest and how much fun I was having as winner. I then condensed the main parts of my letter.

From here we went to the House Office Building to see Representative William S. Hill, my Congressman from Colorado. Mr. Hill's receptionist took us to the House wing of the Capitol Building and called Mr. Hill off the House floor to introduce us. I thanked him for putting my essay in the Congressional Record, and then we had some pictures taken.

After this we explored the Capitol, took a ride on the Senate Subway, and went to see the Library of Congress and the Lincoln Memorial.

Tuesday evening Dr. Stone presented the Christian Citizenship Awards. There were five winners at the convention. We sat together in the front row of the large auditorium in the Mayflower Hotel and went up on the platform to receive our awards. I enjoyed the opportunity to publicly thank the International Society of Christian Endeavor and to tell the convention audience that I felt if we all asked for Supreme Guidance and were courageous in speaking for Christian Citizenship, we would reach our declared goal — "One World Through Christ!" This was a night none of us would ever forget!

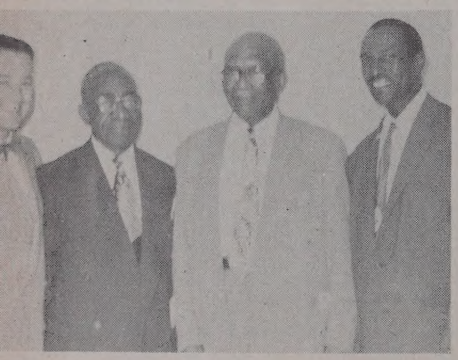
Wednesday morning I had one of my biggest thrills! Dr. Gene Stone introduced me to Vice-President Nixon! We shook hands three times before the picture taking was accomplished. Mr. Nixon impressed me as being like a good doctor — you had confidence in his ability.

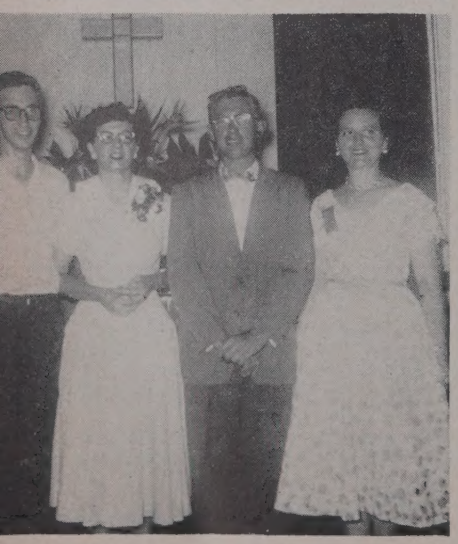
That night Dr. Poling brought the convention to its climax. After his inspiring message he asked for full-time Christian volunteers. His own grandson was one of those who answered his call.

Janette, Dot, and I attended the Youth Assembly at the American University Thursday, and late that afternoon we climbed aboard a train for home. I was carrying with me an envelope covered with autographs, inside which were my certificate and award.

The nicest part of being winner for me was that what I said was heard by many people. We teenagers often feel like no one listens to our opinions and convictions and wish we had some way of drawing adult attention to what we say. In behalf of Christian Endeavor teenagers I would like to thank the International Society for letting the voice of youth be heard speaking for Christian Citizenship.

Jana Woodrum





YOUTH HEED

The Order of the Day —

CONTAGIOUS ENTHUSIASM (above) — Delegates to the Youth Assembly of International Society at meeting in Washington eagerly plan for forward steps. Rev. Bob Ross, associate president, International Society, and advisor to Assembly, is shown on front row at left. Alick Kennedy, vice-chairman of the Assembly, is at extreme right. Vernon Hoffman, chairman, presided at sessions but was not present when picture was taken.

GO-TEACH (left upper) — Strategy for work in Christian Endeavor was discussed by leaders at the General Convention on Christian Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church at Louisville, Kentucky. Pictured (left to right) are Rev. J. Clinton Hoggard, formerly vice-president, International Society; Ernest S. Marks, trustee; Helen Scott, member, Youth Assembly; Rev. George Blackwell, trustee; Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary; and Dr. James W. Eichelberger, trustee and secretary of Christian Education of A.M.E. Zion Church.

PREPARE ADVANCES (left, center) — Plans for Christian Endeavor work in the African Methodist Episcopal Church were made at the Congress of the denomination held in Jackson, Mississippi. Shown (left to right) are Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary, International Society; Dr. Samuel S. Morris, general secretary of Christian Education, A.M.E. Church; Dr. C. W. Abington, editor-in-chief of Religious Literature, and Rev. Andrew White, administrative assistant.

OUTSTANDING ENDEAVORERS (left, lower) — Carolyn Arnold of Dallas, (second from left) was selected Miss Christian Endeavor of Texas at the state convention. Jon Jervis of Harlingen, (third from left) was chosen as Mr. Christian Endeavor. Others in picture, Connie Eckard of Irving, and Delores Driggs of LaMarque, were runners-up in the contest.

Forward

PRESS AHEAD (above)—Photographer "caught" a portion of the delegates to Illinois Convention held in state fairgrounds at Springfield. Barbara Brodbeck was chairman with Ernest Hayes, retiring president, and Elmer Miller, new leader, taking part.

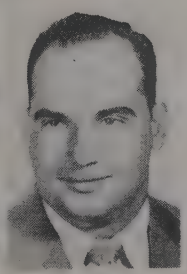
ON, WISCONSIN (right, upper) — Leaders at Convention of Badger State Union in Sheboygan pictured (left to right) are: First row — Edward Neerhof, Rev. Henry J. Vermeer, Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary, International Society, Albert Kessel; second row — Evelyn Hinkamp, Mabel Preston, Diane Tenpas; third row — Delpha Oleson, retiring president, Ardis Bruins, Alice Preston, new president, and LaDonna Teumer.

MESSAGE "ON WHEELS" (right, lower) — Float of First Evangelical and Reformed Church of New Philadelphia, Ohio, was one of 35 in parade at the convention of the Buckeye Christian Endeavorers.

New State Presidents

Al Ramm
California

Alice Preston
Wisconsin



Elmer Miller
Illinois

"Do-It-Yourself" *Goes to Church*

SIXTY million among our 160 million in the United States are counted among *Do-It-Yourself* enthusiasts. Whether often or only now and then, these fellow Americans try to do work that until recent years would have been left for some skilled craftsmen or would go undone.

Do-It-Yourself includes the couple who do their own papering and painting, and also those who at their own home or farm fill the roles of carpenter, electrician, plumber, sheet metal worker, auto and tractor repairman, and perhaps others!

This page has in past years urged hobbyists to turn their interests and skills to good account in church work. Here too we have suggested that the training and experience related to one's daily work may be helpfully applied to some phases of Christian action. And so too with *Do-It-Yourself!*

"On a suburban train," reports an advertisement for *American Home,* "you hear much about mulching and stippling, black top, flat white and semi-gloss, vinyl and asphalt, pickling and worming.

"Freely translated, these words mean just one thing: the commuters are mastering the art of *Do-It-Yourself.*

"More literally, they mean someone is hoarding moisture around his peonies. Someone else is resurfacing his driveway. Another is delivering professional decor—or tiling every floor in the house—or producing an antiqued effect on furniture bought unpainted.

"Some are doing it, some aren't. But almost everybody is talking *Do-It-Yourself!*"

The origins of the trend? Partially in the vocational skills taught in schools and camps and those acquired in military service. Increased interest in having some possessions which are "different" from the mass-produced articles—and especially if the price tags on the latter seem too high. Alert promotion by the manufacturers of tools, materials and semi-finished articles—once the dimensions of this new fashion became evident.

How those with home workshop practice, hobby-time skill with tools and enthusiasm to work with others of like tastes may aid the church has been lately demonstrated by a congregation in Southern New York.

YOUNG ADULT WORKSHOP

By Bert H. Davis

Build Church

In this instance, practically the entire church building — an auditorium seating 200 and a basement of similar capacity—was constructed by men, women and even children of the congregation. The project took about fifteen months. Those who were employed at certain trades had much to do with planning and directing the various operations, but those with *Do-It-Yourself* experience, including some who had partially learned some trade, formed the most numerous and very necessary part of the working force.

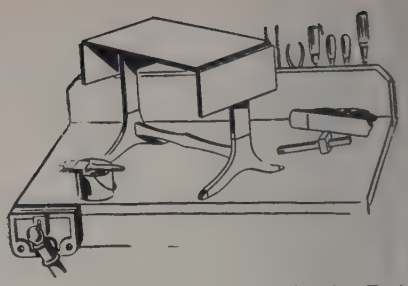
Those who did mason work on the building were in charge of the one member of the flock who knew the trades of mason and plasterer. His helpers included a milkman, barber, postal worker, printing-plant sales manager, brush salesman, statistician, two cooks, and a number of students. A police sergeant, not a member of this church, volunteered to lay brick—recalling the trade he once started to learn.

A teacher of manual training supervised the carpentry, and his force learned as it worked.

Hot meals were often served to the volunteer builders by women of the congregation.

Almost all the work was done after regular working hours and, in the final weeks, some members contributed their vacation days to this *Do-It-Yourself* project.

Less demanding but in fine co-operative spirit will be the *Do-It-Yourself* activities of many Young Adults within the next few months.



Stanley Tools

Perhaps in *your* church, as in so many others, volunteers who have gained skill and experience in self-help around home will work along some of the following lines:

Make toys, dolls and children's furniture, both for use in the church nursery and for gifts to families which otherwise must do without them. Dolls in particular offer opportunities to the Young Adult women who have learned to sew, and beyond that, can design and construct patterns for others. Toys and furniture of wood and metal will call out the best skills of the *Do-It-Yourself* brethren.

Training for Boys

Provide spare tools, supplies and training in *Do-It-Yourself* projects to boys and younger men of the church and its community. Whenever possible the group should be put to work on some form of improving building, equipment or grounds, which will be a joint contribution by instructors and helpers.

Keep the church properties spic and span. Replacing worn-out furnishings and equipment will help. The paint brushes should be frequently in motion. Consider a tiled floor to cover worn wooden flooring—for many men and women have already improved home kitchens and other rooms in this manner and would be happy and proud to do as much in the church edifice.

If winter sports flourish in your section, plan a sports center for the families of your church and their friends and neighbors. A portable rink is not too difficult for skilled home-improvers to construct.

Let the artists share in the fun. An art exhibit would be interesting. Not only is a hobby show worth while, but the members with basement workshops can produce display fixtures, panel-board uprights for mounting small exhibits, and special lighting devices to their heart's content.

Equip A Library

Almost every church needs more of a library than it now provides for general use of members and also for church school teachers and officers. The library needs shelves, tables, display panels, lamps, at least one distinctive clock. Set up the new shelves, invite contributions of appropriate books and magazines, and an appreciative crowd will use the church's reading and reference facilities.

You'll have fun and do valuable work with *Do-It-Yourself* projects related to your church and promoted and paced by the Young Adults.

THE WORLD will be happy to receive the reports of your group's activities in this field.

A WEDDING-RECEPTION IDEA

WHO provides and serves refreshments at the wedding reception? Sometimes a caterer, often members of the bride's family, while some receptions are held in a commercial establishment because that seems the best way to offer hospitality to a considerable number of guests.

Because there seem to be more "church weddings," Young Adult groups might plan to offer improved wedding-reception services and facilities, provided minister and church officers approve.

The social rooms or "church house" will often provide an attractive setting for a reception for wedding guests, promptly following the solemn ceremony in the sanctuary.

Young Adult women or other women's groups of the church in rotation may be given the opportunity of preparing and serving sandwiches or salad and wedding-cake and beverage—receiving a "catering fee" for this valuable service and applying the revenue to church or denominational finances.

Feature! Films and Filmstrips

by Amy Deck Faust

BECAUSE of the rich resources in films (16mm) and film strips a listing of such materials is in order.

The technical work of projecting these aids is important. A special feature article will be devoted to the latest projection equipment, and the best of techniques, but at this moment we must evaluate the tools already in our hands.

City Story

In the realm of the 16mm motion picture, sound film, there is a wide choice. The fare for foreign mission and national mission themes includes filmstrips as well, but *City Story* (B&W, 44 min., Broadcasting and Film Comm.) tells the story of the challenge to a city church meeting in a changing community. (*Dick's Discovery* and *Jimmie Finds City Friends* tell the City Church work and story in black and white filmstrip.)

Two Brothers Have I

With India and Pakistan holding the foreign mission focus there will be use for *Two Brothers Have I* (color, sound 16mm 28 min. Rental $8. Presbyterian Distribution Services.) This film shows the challenge of this day to college students in America and in foreign lands — India, Pakistan, and other strategic spots. *Decision in Thailand* (color, sound, 29 min., from Presbyterian Distribution Services) brings the story of Christianity in an old land. *Korean Victory* (color, sound, 29 min., Presbyterian Distribution Services) tells the story of the church at work in an occupied country. The ministry of medical missions and distribution of food is closely tied with the ministry of preaching and healing as well as the tie-up with the gift of money, scrapbooks, and other aids from America. Stewardship is also indicated as the impoverished Koreans show the principles of tithing of what they have. Any of these excellent films will answer a real teaching program. Others are also available.

John Wesley

On the denominational level many will want to see the *John Wesley* (color, sound, 77 min., Methodist Radio and Film Comm., Nashville) documentary. This closely follows the making of *Martin Luther* of two years ago, but is available in 16mm, now and is in color.

King and the Lion

Those who enjoyed the *Toymaker* (16mm, color, sound, 10 min., $10.00, Athena Films Inc., New York) will also want to see *King and the Lion* which is a sequal. (Color, sound, $5.00, Athena.) From the same source comes a delightful Christmas story with definite spiritual and moral values. *The Santa Claus Suit* is acceptable for family viewing, although the deepest spiritual truths will not be grasped by the small children, yet they will find the puppets bringing to them an important truth about the "real meaning of Christmas." (12½ min., color, sound, Athena.)

A Boy and His Bible

Along the line of seasonal films there are the ones always in demand and such new ones this year as *A Boy and His Bible.* (30 min., black and white, Family Films.) Here again other resources lie in filmstrips and slides, as well.

Although *Beaver Valley* was produced for entertainment, it is available in 16mm. (Walt Disney, color, Supplied by Associated Films.) The scenes, shot from wild life, are perhaps more suitable for children than even the beloved, *Living Desert.* Two other nature films that have fine teaching values are *Backyard Artist* (color, 10 min.) and *Bird Hunt* (B&W).

United Nations Films

Any group studying world affairs should know of the United Nations Films. Films from the Encyclopedia Britannica, McGraw Hill, and Coronet should also be among the many resources to be explored. This year *Freedom to Read* and *Freedom to Learn* (27½ min. color, sound, NEA) should be known and used.

The above list just barely indicates the rich recources possible. Each year, early in September, the best in Audio Visuals is offered in the International Audio-Visual Workshop, Green Lake, Wis. 1955 will mark the 12th such workshop. For information about it and the regular Visual Education Fellowship, write to National Council of Churches, 79 E. Adams St., Chicago 3, Ill.

Rev. G. Diran Minassian Elected Field Secretary

Rev. G. Diran Minassian of New York City, has been chosen as the new Field Secretary for the New York State Christian Endeavor Union.

Rev. G. Diran Minassian

Mr. Minassian began his duties September 1. He has been a Christian Endeavorer for many years and held numerous positions. He has been president of the New York City Union and for a number of years Trustee of the New York State Union. He was one of the founders and former president of the Inter-State Christian Endeavor Union, of which he is now field secretary.

Mr. Minassian was ordained in October of 1953 as a minister in the Presbyterian Church, after having been in the rug and carpet business for twenty-five years. He has been an assistant to the pastor of the Rutgers Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Members of Tour Party Injured In Bus Crash

Fourteen members of the Fellowship Tour Party of International Society of Christian Endeavor were hospitalized when the bus in which they were traveling to view historic parts of Massachusetts skidded and was wrecked near Sudbury, Massachussetts, August 3.

Harold E. Westerhoff, administrative secretary of International Society, was director of the tour party. The special sight-seeing bus was driven by Roland Blodgett who is the Finance Chairman of the Massachussetts Christian Endeavor Union. He was also injured.

Those who were hospitalized at Marlboro, Massachusetts, include John H. Bennett, Springfield, Illinois; Roland P. Blodgett, North Medford, Massachusetts; Mrs. C. L. Elgert, Baltimore, Maryland; Ruth M. Fast, Celina, Ohio; Mrs. George E. Hoverter, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Margaret F. Humphrey, Washington, D. C.; Elsie H. Niepling, Waterford, New Jersey; Claire S. Pfeiffer, Fords, New Jersey; Lula Schafer, Baltimore, Maryland; Flora Schlueter, St. Louis, Missouri; Bertha Solomon, Freehold, New Jersey; Hazel Treasurer, Chicago, Illinois; Joyce Van Liere, Holland, Michigan; and Harold E. Westerhoff, Columbus, Ohio.

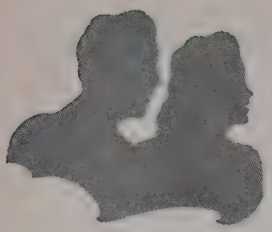
Five others who were treated for injuries but released immediately from the hospital were Ruth E. Coleman, Dayton, Ohio; Robert Graf, Mercedes, Texas; Marguerite McTaggart, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, British West Indies; John W. Salisbury, Chicago, Illinois; and Wanna Sell, Huntington, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Nevin of Louisville, Kentucky, who were members of the tour group, stayed in Boston for a luncheon and were not in the bus at the time of the accident.

Societies are urged to mark "Christian Endeavor World" Sunday on October 31. Sample copies and other literature may be obtained by writing to 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

C. E. Conventions And Conferences

OCTOBER
- 9-11—Ontario, Fort Erie
- 14-16—New Jersey, Paterson
- 22-23—Massachusetts, Leominster
- 22-24—Inter-State—New England Unions (Armenian), Boston, Massachusetts
- 29-31—Tennessee, Johnson City
- 30-31—Great Lakes Region, Gary, Indiana (Conference)

NOVEMBER
- 4- 6—Missouri, St. Louis
- 5- 7—Southern Region, Cumberland Falls, Kentucky (Conference)



Senior-Young People

— NOVEMBER 7 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting

We are in the midst of an important series of topics. It will be necessary to get last month's *Christian Endeavor World* to get the full continuity. Last week we began the series of three topics, *Keepers of the Faith,* with the emphasis upon *Luther, The Reformer.* Next week we study *Livingstone, The Missionary.* Today our emphasis is upon *Tyndale, The Translator.* His contribution to the translation of the Holy Scriptures has been vast. There can well be a three-fold emphasis in addition to the consecration meeting observance in this meeting, or any one or two can be brought out. One might be on the thought of these "keepers" or pioneers of the faith. Another can well be a biographical effort. Assuredly, there must be also an emphasis on the Bible. Try to describe and illustrate how the Bible came to us, and at what cost. List the various translations, if possible, giving the particular value of each. Perhaps a display of Bibles could be prepared. These would include old translations or editions, modern translations, foreign language versions, Bible "help" books, oddities, etc. Considerable interest may be built around such an effort. Indeed, foundations can be laid today for an even greater program on the Scriptures, to be completed on Bible Sunday, December 12, when the topic "Our Uncommon Book" will be offered.

Aim of The Topic

1. To review the contributions of some of the great heroes of the Christian faith, especially of William Tyndale, translator of the Bible.

2. To trace the development of the Holy Scriptures, noting how they have come to us.

From The Book of Books

M., Nov. 1. The Word Read Publicly. Josh 8:32-35.
T., Nov. 2. The Book of the Law Read to All. Neh. 8:1-8.
W., Nov. 3. Receptions of the Word. Luke 8:11-15.
T., Nov. 4. Power of the Word. Heb. 4:12-16.
F., Nov. 5. The Gospel for All. Rom. 1:14-16.
S., Nov. 6. Every Man in His Tongue. Acts 2:1-8.
Sun., Nov. 7. Topic—Tyndale, the Translator. Luke 1:1-4; Rev. 1:9-11.

Tyndale, the Translator

Second Topic in a Series on "Keepers Of The Faith"

Luke 1:1-4; Revelation 1:9-11

His Background

William Tyndale was born at a small village in Gloucestershire, England about 1484. There is some uncertainty about all the facts of his early days. He received his degree at Oxford in 1512. A few years later he went to Cambridge. When Erasmus was at the height of his fame, Tyndale's zeal for studying the Bible induced him to consult him. While tutoring a gentlemen named Welch, he resolved to undertake the task of translating the Bible into English.

Studying and Translating

He became much discouraged with the teaching and general behavior of the clergy in the neighborhood of Sir John Welch, so translated a pamphlet which Erasmus had written in Latin entitled "The Manual Of A Christian Soldier." This pamphlet was a violent protest against the wicked lives of the clergy and brought down a storm of abuse on Tyndale's head. In 1523 he went to London hoping to have extra facilities for carrying out his work. There were so many impediments thrown in his way, that he found it impossible to work there at all. In the following year he went to Hamburg, then to Wittenberg, where he met Luther. Following this experience, in 1525, he translated the New Testament into English. His translations were more accurate than *WYCLIF'S,* since he used the original Hebrew and Greek sources. For text books he used, among others: Erasmus's Greek Testament, the Vulgate, and Luther's German translation. It was decided that 3,000 copies would be printed. Cochloeus, an enemy of the Reformation, tried to prevent its being printed at all. He failed in this, but sent word to Henry VIII and Cardinal Wolsey to have all ports strictly watched to prevent its admission into England. It arrived in England about the middle of 1526, but the assembly of bishops was immediately called together, and they unanimously denounced it. The Bishop of London declared that anyone in his diocese possessing a copy, would be excommunicated. There is only one of these copies known to exist, and that is in the British Museum. It is much like our Authorized Version published in 1611, which is still in use.

The next few years of his life were devoted to writing pamphlets on the doctrine of "Justification by Faith." The first one was entitled "Wicked Mammon." It was criticized and condemned on all sides, but this did not discourage Tyndale. The following year he published "The Obedience Of A Christian Man," one of the most important works of his life.

He then began to translate the Old Testament, and published the Pentateuch in 1530. There is one perfect copy in the British Museum. In the same year, he wrote "The Practice of Prelates," in which he denounced the customs and ways of the Roman Catholic priests.

All this time he was living in Germany, mostly at Marburg. In 1534, permission was granted to print the Bible in England, and Tyndale intended to return home. With this in mind, he went to Antwerp, but his enemies, by treachery, took him and put him in prison. He was kept there nearly two years in spite of all the efforts made in England and on the Continent. In 1536 he was burned to death at Vilvorden, near Brussels, with the prayer on his lips, "Lord, open the king of England's eyes." Such was the price he paid for translating the Bible into the language of the people, against the orders of the priesthood.

A SEED THOUGHT
"The blood of the martyrs has become the seed of the Church."

One of The Great

This Christian martyr, like so many of his colleagues in the Kingdom, has made a lasting impression upon the Christian world. His contribution to the tide of Reformation is incalculable. Translating the Holy Scriptures of God into English, the language of the people, opened the doors to vast and unlimited spiritual opportunity. Many other translations have been printed and distributed throughout the world, but this one is the great fore-runner of them all.

The Bible Translations

Let the group together discuss the various translations and versions of the Bible. In addition to the newest, the Revised Standard Version, about which we have heard so much this year, there are a number of others. Among the better known translations are those by Moffatt, by Weymouth (an idiomatic translation in modern speech) and by Goodspeed. There are also the Fenton and Ballantine versions, the Revised Version, the new Revised Standard Version, and a number of others, covering either the Old or New Testament. How many can you name, either from personal reading, or by reputation?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. What do we mean by the title "Keepers of the Faith?"
2. How was William Tyndale one of these "keepers?"
3. Which are greater, national heroes or religious heroes?
4. What is the importance of the written word in winning others?
5. Describe as well as you can how the Bible has come to us today, traced from its original writing.
6. Do you know any Bible translators of today? Is there any need for further change?
7. What Bible version do you prefer for your own use? Why?
8. What do we owe especially to Tyndale and Luther?
9. How much should a Christian read the Bible daily?

A Look at Our Nation

First Topic in a Series on "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation"

Proverbs 14:34; Amos 5:6, 7, 10-15; II Chronicles 7:14

Intermediate

— NOVEMBER 7 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aim

1. To look at the values a nation should stress particularly at Armistice time and election time (U.S.A.).

2. To see if our nation is worthy of God's blessings.

3. To note how better men and women make a better nation.

To the Leader

This topic is important. It is one that will bring many questions. In preparation for the discussion you, as the leader, might be thinking of certain things in your community that prevent it from being Christian. Also think of some reasons, in addition to those given, why we should have a Christian America.

If you haven't done it before or lately, it might be well to supply the young people with pencil and paper and let them answer two or three of the questions on paper. Some people who seldom speak in a group can contribute much to the meeting if they are allowed to write down what they think.

The questions you might pose for answering are:

1. LIST SOME THINGS THAT SHOW OUR NATION ISN'T CHRISTIAN YET.

The group might suggest these:

(1.) Too much crime. There is a theft every forty-two seconds in the United States, an auto stolen every two minutes.

(2.) Poor housing.

(3.) Unemployment.

(4.) The problem of alcoholic beverages.

(5.) Strife between capital and labor.

(6.) People of some races treated unfairly.

(7.) Too many people who are so interested in making money they don't care if other people have to suffer because of their greed.

2. WHAT WOULD A CHRISTIAN NATION BE LIKE?

Would there be any war? Would gambling be tolerated? Could there by any hatred or jealousy between class or races or even individuals? What place in it would there be for people of other races?

For Discussion

Ours is a very young nation in comparison with others. It hasn't been very long since the first log cabin was built in America — yet think of how much progress we have made and how many inventions and discoveries there have been.

What are some of the things that have been accomplished to bring progress to America?

List inventions like the auto, telegraph, airplane, television; how diseases are being curbed, how our standard of living has increased.

In 1876, Thomas Huxley, a famous English scientist, visited America and after being shown all around said, "I cannot say that I am in the slightest degree impressed by your bigness or your material resources, as such . . . The great issue is, what are you going to do with all these things?"

The late Lord Moulton, in a speech to the English people, made this statement: "The greatness of a nation lies in the number of its citizens who can be trusted to obey self-imposed laws." Certainly this would be a better nation if our people were all law-abiding.

What other things can you think of that would help to make our country great?

Some Possible Answers

1. Better surroundings.
2. More efficient government.
3. Less crime.
4. More equal privileges.
5. Less graft.
6. More good will and love and kindness.

Granted that we haven't a Christian nation at the present time, what has kept it from being established in the past?

One answer might be that people have selfishly exploited the resources of America. The ideals of the past have been concerned too much with the chasing of the "almighty dollar" and we have built up a materialistic philosophy. The Americans need to change their sense of values. Some progress is being made along these lines. University leaders used to estimate the value of a college education in terms of dollars and cents. They are now beginning to recognize that character, vision, personality, and other values are more important.

We Thank God for the America That Is

America still offers the best opportunity to be found anywhere on this planet. America is neither Communistic, Fascist, nor militaristic. The extremists, in representing their respective points of view, render a valuable bit of service in keeping those who thank God for America from becoming complacent and indifferent to the dangers of extremes. In spite of the saber-rattling of our superpatriots, we are not yet in the grip of a war-minded minority. There is a wholesome level of clear-thinking sincere enough, we hope, to offset the extreme militarism. And between these two there is a good majority of loyal, right-thinking citizens who will do everything to keep the United States out of war, and who will share in any honest effort to take war out of the world.

There is in America an increasing number of preachers and teachers who are not content merely to pass on a certain body of traditional information. They are trying to develop and strengthen in young people the ability to face new situations and to discover how to find solutions that will bring the abundant life to the largest number. Young people in America are facing life problems with a new seriousness. This is particularly true of Christian youth. While boys and girls are swept into mass movements in other lands under some leader who trains them to be ready to fly at each other's throats, here the Christian Endeavor movement and other youth groups have as their goal the building of a better world — a world of peace, brotherhood, and good will in which everyone will know the meaning of real liberty and will have a chance at happiness.

Yes, we thank God for the America that is, and

For the America That Is to Be

The great poet, van Dyke says:

"The glory of the Present
Is to make the Future free.
I love my land for what she is
And what she is to be."

America is experiencing a new appreciation of what she is and what she is to be. The evidences of this new appreciation are many. The most encouraging evidence of this new awakening is to be found in the awakening of the church. In every denomination there is a growing demand that the professed faith must be evidenced by the fruits of righteousness, long-suffering, good will, and peace. There is a growing sense of unity among the churches.

Our Challenge

Where shall we begin in helping to build Christian America?

Wouldn't it be best to start with our own lives? In order to build a Christlike country we must first of all have Christian people to live in it.

Daily Bible Readings

M., Nov. 1. God's Plumbline of Judgment. Amos 7:7-9.
T., Nov. 2. The Land as Summer Fruit. Amos 8:1-12.
W., Nov. 3. The Church and the Nation. Matt. 22:15-22.
T., Nov. 4. Citizenship Prized. Acts 22:27, 28.
F., Nov. 5. Right Use of Liberty, Gal. 5:13-16.
S., Nov. 6. A Good Example. I Peter 2:13-17.
Sun., Nov. 7. Topic—A Look at Our Nation. Prov. 14:34; Amos 5:6, 7, 10-15; II Chron. 7:14.

Senior-Young People

— NOVEMBER 14 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This is the third topic in three on *Keepers of the Faith.* We have briefly studied Martin Luther and William Tyndale, and today we look into the life of David Livingstone.

Try to secure books and stories about his life. This will liven up the meeting. Think also about the men who through the centuries have died for the cause of Christ. David Livingstone is an excellent example of a sacrificial life for Christ. Few have shown such Christian spirit or accomplishment.

In discussing his life, strive to show our lack of willingness in sacrificing time, money, and life, for the cause of Christ and His people. Draw the comparison between the contributions to the Kingdom of these Keepers of the Faith, and ourselves.

Aim of The Topic

1. To become better acquainted with the life of David Livingstone.

2. To encourage young people to give more of themselves "For Christ and The Church."

His Background

David Livingstone was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland on March 19, 1813. His parents, Neil and Agnes Hunter Livingstone, spelled their name without the final "e", and so did David for many years, but later added it. His parents were poor and self-respecting. At the age of 10 David left the village school for a neighboring cotton-mill. By strenuous efforts, he qualified himself at the age of 23, to undertake a college curriculum. For two sessions, he attended medical, theological, and Greek classes in Anderson's College. In September 1838 he went to London and was accepted as a candidate by the London Missionary Society.

Livingstone had set his heart on going to China and it was a great disappointment to him when the Society sent him to Africa. He sailed from England on December 8, 1840 arriving there July 31, 1841. After spending two years traveling around trying to find a place to settle, he decided that his first mission would not be to see how many conversions he could chalk up the first year, but would be that of pioneering—opening up and starting new ground, leaving native agents to work it out in detail. He first settled in the valley of Mabotsa, two hundred miles northeast of Kuruman. Shortly after he settled he was attacked by a lion which crushed his left arm and nearly put an end to his career. Imperfectly set, it was the source of trouble the rest of life and also the means of identifying his body after his death.

In 1844 he brought his wife, Mary Moffat, daughter of Moffat at Kuruman, to a home he had built mostly by himself. Livingstone moved farther and farther into the depths of Africa, enduring many hardships. He would attempt expeditions again and again, frequently reaching points no other white man ever reached. Often the tribe he had worked with would follow after him. When he attempted one hard journey 27 men from selected tribes were chosen to aid him. They reached their goal, but their leader was all but dead from fever, semi-starvation, and dysentery. Sometimes his family was able to join him on trips; more often they were not. It was a great shock to him to hear of his wife's death at Shupanga on April 27, 1862, while he was on one of his countless expeditions.

A Life of Sacrifice

In 1864 Livingstone arrived home in England. He seemed to desire to spend his remaining days at home but when it was proposed that he go out again the prospect was too tempting to reject. He was appointed H.M. Consul to Central Africa without a salary and the government contributed only $2500.00 to the expedition. The chief help came from private friends. Two main objects of the expedition were: (1) The suppression of slavery by means of civilizing influences and (2) the ascertainment of the watershed in the region between Myassa and Tanganyika. His company consisted of 13 sepoys, 10 Johanna men, 9 African boys from Bombay, 4 boys from the Shire Region, besides camels, mules, donkeys, and buffaloes. They soon melted away to four or five boys.

The Loangwa was crossed but fever came upon him and remained his constant companion for a time. This fever, fearful dysentery, ulcers, and other ailments that attacked him, and which he had no medicine to counteract, told fatally on his iron frame. In this expedition he met many obstacles. At one time a party of Arab slaves assembled one day when the market was busiest and began shooting down the poor women, hundreds being killed or drowned in trying to escape. On another trip dysentery took hold again and he got worse and worse. He finally had to give up and was carried on a litter.

On April 30, 1873 some of his faithful followers found "the great master," as they called him, kneeling by the side of his bed, dead. His faithful men preserved the body in the sun as well as they could, and wrapping it carefully up, carried it and all his papers, instruments, and other things, across Africa to Zanzibar. The body was borne to England with great honor and on April 18, 1874 was deposited in Westminster Abbey. There it still holds today one of the highest places of honor. Few sons of Britain have so distinguished themselves or hold so high a place in the affections of their countrymen. It is said that his native friends in Africa insisted that his heart be removed before his body was taken to England, saying that truly his heart belonged to Africa. It remains there today, a shrine for the love and devotion of his grateful disciples.

Keeper of The Faith

No one can estimate the value of David Livingstone's work for the Kingdom of God. Whole tribes of people, whole portions of the once "Dark Continent," the history of Africa itself, have been changed because of his work. This is true because he, as Paul, "kept the faith." His life was a radiant example of Christ's power and beauty. It was Stanley himself, or one of his associates, who said, "I believe there is a Christ because there is a Livingstone." Could this be said of us today?

Livingstone, the Missionary

Third Topic in a Series on "Keepers Of The Faith"

Acts 13:1-5

For Daily Meditation

M., Nov. 8. Philip as a Missionary. Acts 8:5-8.
T., Nov. 9. Apollos as a Missionary. Acts 18:24-28.
W., Nov. 10. Silas as a Missionary. Acts 16:19-40.
T., Nov. 11. Peter as a Missionary. Acts 11:1-18.
F., Nov. 12. A Missionary Gives His Life. Acts 7:51-60.
S., Nov. 13. The Great Commission. Matt. 28:16-20.
Sun., Nov. 14. Topic—Livingstone, the Missionary. Acts 13:1-5

A SEED THOUGHT

"It is what we give up, not what we lay up, that adds to our lasting store."—Hosea Ballou

TO PROVOKE THOUGHT

1. Where did David Livingstone desire to go as a missionary? Where was he sent?
2. What does this indicate in God's plan for us?
3. What were some of the great contributions of Livingstone to the Kingdom?
4. What has he done for Africa?
5. How is a missionary a "keeper of the faith?"
6. What sacrifices must one be willing to make to be a missionary?
7. What is the "Great Commission?"
8. What is a "keeper of the faith?"
9. What is the greatest missionary challenge today?
10. How can you be a "keeper of the faith?"

The Bible in National Life

Second Topic in a Series on "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation"

II Kings 23:1-8

Intermediate

— NOVEMBER 14 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To see the place of the teachings of the Bible in national life.

2. To know and respect the teachings of the Bible more than ever before.

3. To share in the responsibility of giving the Bible to the world.

The Book for Every Nation

We can easily imagine Americans attracted to a book related chiefly to things American, or Japanese reading eagerly in one dealing with Japanese issues, or Mexicans having profound interest in some other book, or the subjects of Queen Elizabeth purchasing quite generally some publication affecting the British Empire. But who knows a book equally meaningful to Americans, Japanese, Mexicans, Britishers, and the rest of the peoples of the earth? The Bible is just that kind of book.

Yet the Scriptures were written when the earth was small compared with the great burly world we now know. In that long ago the cities of the world were Nineveh and Babylon in the east, and Athens and Rome in the west. There was no Berlin, no London, no Chicago, no Rio de Janeiro. When the Bible was written the earth was flat and stationary; few indeed were the intrepid souls that ventured beyond the Mediterranean. The whole Western Hemisphere was undreamed of, and men traveled over seas instead of oceans. Rome, then a world force, would today seem less like an empire than a province.

Its continuous translation into other tongues indicates that the Bible is a world book. In whole or in part it has been translated into 1109 languages and dialects. It takes an exhibit chart twenty-one feet long and five feet wide to contain in type none too large the names of these languages. A careful estimate shows that some part of it appears in a new language on an average of once every five weeks.

Its huge distribution across the earth indicates that it is a world book. In a single year around 30,000,000 copies of Bibles, Testaments, Gospels and Portions are distributed in all the continents and in many of the islands of the seas. What other book knows such achievement?

Written for Men Everywhere

The Bible tells us that the very heart of God is love—a love baffling easy apprehension. Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Calvary, attest this. "For God so loved the world . . . ." It was not alone for the lost sheep of the house of Israel that divine love yearned—it was for all Judea and Samaria and the uttermost part of the earth. Such a God is unaffected by the accidents of geography. Those who pick up the Book anywhere and read in any tongue or dialect about the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ cannot help feeling that it was written for them alone.

The Secret of Greatness for Nations

For more than sixty years Queen Victoria reigned over an ever-expanding empire. On one occasion she received African chieftains in audience. To her navy and her army she did not allude, but she handed them a Bible. "This," she said, "is the secret of England's greatness."

The Bible is full of all sorts and conditions of men and women and children. Reading the Bible, we arrive at the value of the individual or we learn respect for others. Also, we learn respect for ourselves. The Bible thus makes citizens, and in the English-speaking world it prepared the people for the exercise of the franchise.

The Bible insists on righteousness. Every revival of interest in the Bible was followed in Britain by a movement for political reform. If public life is clean this is the reason.

The Bible denounces oppression and requires that wrongs be righted. In the Bible-loving nations there has been a growing sensitiveness to injustices of every kind.

The transformation of Great Britain from an old into a new country was achieved mainly by the men of the Bible. John Howard read that we should visit the prisoners in their affliction, and he flung himself into the task of reforming the jails. Wilberforce on one side of the Atlantic, like Whittier on the other, read that Christ died on the cross for all men. They flung themselves into the crusade against slavery.

The Bible inculcates a reverence for laws justly administered. During the periods of strain and stress there have been scores of revolutions. In the English-speaking countries sovereignty has been unshaken in its stability. These have been the countries where it is safest to live.

The Bible emphasizes sound principles of commercial ethics. Amid depression or inflation the financial credit of the English-speaking commonwealths is maintained. On the whole, Christian nations have a much higher standard of living. The material reserves of these countries have been as impressive as their moral reserves.

The Bible-believing democracies have displayed initiative which far surpasses the achievements, however notable they may have been, of countries where the Bible is less known. The railway, the steamship, the automobile, the use of power in industry, postal and telegraph services, electric light, moving pictures, the games most generally and healthily played out of doors—these illustrations of such initiative are unchallengeable. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, foreign missions, campaigns against drugs, drink and other evils—most of such efforts originated in nations which believe in the Bible.

The Bible contains a gospel of peace, and in their demand for peace the Bible-loving democracies have been conspicuous. Despite militarism elsewhere the Bible-loving nations prefer peace, and in the spirit of the prophet Isaiah they have sought steadily to seek peaceful settlements of disputes.

What Great Americans Have Said

"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor to your liberties, write its precepts upon your hearts, and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all progress made in our civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."—*U. S. Grant.*

"That Book is the rock on which the Republic stands."—*Andrew Jackson.*

"In regard to the great Book I have only to say, it is the best book God has given man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated in this Book."

—*Abraham Lincoln.*

For Your Meeting

There is an abundance of material which might be used to supplement the information presented here. See your pastor or write to the American or the British and Foreign Bible Society for material. The leader should be prepared to lead the discussion.

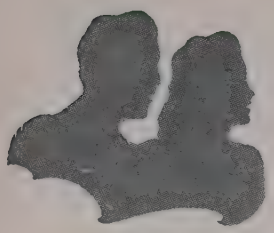
Announce that a souvenir will be given to each one attending the service. Secure the tract "Where to Look in the Bible" from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y., for this purpose. Offer a reward to the person bringing the oldest Bible and display these Bibles with Gospels in various languages. Suggest a plan for Bible reading during the winter months whereby each member of the society will be reading the same chapter each day. Close the service with the suggested discussion or have a serviceman tell what the Bible meant to the men at the front during the war.

Scripture and Prayer

Have the group stand while six young people read in consecutive order the verses listed below with the leader reading the last selection. Sing the chorus, "Every Promise in the Book," and remain standing for prayer. Scriptures: II Tim 3:16, 17; II Peter 1:21; Heb. 4:12; John 5:39; Luke 24:27; II Tim. 3:15; and Psalm 119:9-16.

Helpful Bible Lessons

M., Nov. 8. Using God's Word. Psalm 119:97-105.
T., Nov. 9. God's Word to be Remembered. Deut. 6:4-12.
W., Nov. 10. A King Upholds God's Law. II Chron. 14:1-6.
T., Nov. 11. God's Word Transforms a Nation. II Chron. 34:29-33.
F., Nov. 12. God's Word Brings Action. Neh. 8:5-11.
S., Nov. 13. The Eternal Word. I Peter 1:22-25.
Sun., Nov. 14. Topic—The Bible in National Life. II Kings 23:1-8.



Senior-Young People

— NOVEMBER 21 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

Thanksgiving is one of the great heart-warming festivals of the Church Year. It is a time for reviewing our heritage, counting blessings, and making loving determinations for the future. Today's leader has the opportunity of leading his friends in this rewarding experience. All the emphasis of the local church will lend itself to this meeting. Newspapers, radio, television and advertising will help turn Endeavorers' thoughts to the giving of thanks. Build on these things. Help the youth of the church to thank their God for blessings innumerable. But first help them count the blessings!

The leader should plan to use some of the seasonal decorations in the meeting room. Make the atmosphere "different." Try to relate the teaching of the pastor's sermon or the seasonal program of the church to the topic material. Use the hymn from which the title is taken, "Now Thank We All Our God," and try to give some of its history and meaning. It would be helpful to compile a list of blessings received, especially of those little recognized or seldom noted. Keep appreciation the keynote of the meeting and send each one home more cognizant of divine providence.

Aim of The Topic

1. To help each one consider the abundance of the blessings of God.

2. To cause us to express our thankfulness more adequately.

A Hymn of Praise

The title of our topic today is from one of the grand old hymns of the Church, known by the same title "Now Thank We All Our God." It comes to us from the 17th Century, and has expressed Christian love and praise through these many generations. The melody, known as "Nun Dunket," expressing its very meaning, was composed by the Reverend Johann Cruger, in Germany, in the year 1648. The words were written by the Reverend Martin Rinkart, a contemporary German Pastor, in 1636. It was not translated into our language until 1858 by Catherine Winkworth, an Englishwoman. Think of the number of people who have contributed in bringing this song of praise and trust to us; consider the uncounted multitudes who have joyfully lifted it unto God with their voices!

"Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our Mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God,
The Father, now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen."

Thanks Be To God

Our gratitude must not only be felt, it must be expressed to our Heavenly Father Who provides all things for our lives. The Scripture Lesson today is very brief, but very meaningful. On this day it would be well if each member present would re-read that verse and memorize it for future remembrance. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." (II Corinthians 9:15). In the earlier verses of that chapter we find much food for thought also. The eighth says, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." Note the abundance implied in this promise, especially the several uses of "all" and "always." He is able to do more than we realize and He does. Again, look at the ninth verse. "As it is written, 'He hath dispersed abroad; He hath given to the poor: His righteousness remaineth forever'." Truly He has been gracious and generous to *all* people! The eleventh reminds us, "Being enriched *in every thing* to all bountifulness—."

Let's look again at these passages; there's another note expressed there also. Upon re-reading the seventh, eighth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, and fifteenth, we find that *each one* carries the suggestion or the requirement that we do something in return. Pick them out. "God loveth a cheerful *giver*." "—That *ye*—may abound to every good work." "—increase the *fruits of your* righteousness." "—causeth *through us* thanksgiving to God." "—not only supplieth the want—*but*—many thanksgivings unto God." "—and for *your* liberal distribution unto them and unto all men." Finally, then "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift." Why indeed should we not thank Him for His goodness? But let's do something about these other things also. Let us distribute liberally, give generously, serve unselfishly—and adore Him eternally. Our God is worthy of the best we can do or say or think.

Count Your Blessings

How descriptive is this opening line of the hymn as we think of our Pilgrim fathers who instituted this holy day! At their first celebration of Thanksgiving they appeared to have little for which to be grateful. But they joined together to thank God for what they did possess. Thus they continued to receive His blessing. We cannot hope to adequately thank God for our blessings unless we are aware of them. We shall not have much appreciation if we are dissatisfied and selfish. Count your many blessings, today and often. Only when we realize God's gifts and their abundance, can we be properly grateful and really thank Him. Consider again the gifts the Lord has given you in addition to the providence of every daily need. They include your faith, life itself, your nation and its wonderful freedoms, your family, all the fruits of love, friendship, and the very opportunity of living a worth-while life of goodness and service. Supremely, He has given us the "unspeakable gift," the gift of His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. In our Saviour we find the highest reason for our praise. "Now thank we all our God, because — ."

Daily Bible Rations

M., Nov. 15. The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving. Psalm 116:12-19.
T., Nov. 16. Thanks at Church. Psalm 100:1-5.
W., Nov. 17. Thanks at Meals. John 6:11.
T., Nov. 18. Thanksgiving in Face of Danger. Acts 27:33-36.
F., Nov. 19. Generosity with Thanksgiving. II Cor. 9:10-12.
S., Nov. 20. Expressing Thanksgiving. Luke 17:11-19.
Sun., Nov. 21. Topic—"Now Thank We All Our God." II Cor. 9:15. (Thanksgiving Sunday)

"Now Thank We All Our God"

II Corinthians 9:15

(Thanksgiving Sunday)

A SEED THOUGHT
"Thanksgiving is Thanksliving."

FOR THOUGHT AND PRAISE

1. Make a list of the things our God provides for us. Name your own personal blessings.

2. How many of these things could we have without the aid of our Heavenly Father?

3. Name the particular spiritual blessings we receive also.

4. What is the "unspeakable gift?" Why is it so described?

5. What is the difference between appreciation and thanks? Between thanks and praise?

6. What does II Corinthians 10:17 mean?

7. Discuss the meaning of the verses in II Corinthians 9, referred to above. What has God given? What does He require of those whom He blesses?

8. How can we make real in our daily lives the "Seed Thought" of the day?

9. How else can we express our thanks?

10. What is the value of hymns and poetry in the giving of thanks?

How Do You Say "Thank You"?

Third Topic in a Series on "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation"

Psalm 100; Psalm 92:1-8

Intermediate

— NOVEMBER 21 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aims

1. To learn that "it is a good thing to give thanks."
2. To catch the real meaning of Thanksgiving.
3. To share the spirit of thankfulness.

A Legend

There is a legend which reminds us that we are all inclined to forget to thank God. The legend says Saint Peter one day sent two angels down to earth to collect the prayers that had been offered. One was the Angel of Thanksgiving, who was to collect all the thanks; and the other was the Angel of Petition, who was to collect all prayers that asked for something. When the angels returned, the Angel of Petition was loaded with prayers. Nor only was his basket full, but they were bound on his back, and hung in bundles from his arms and fingers. And the Angel of Thanksgiving had only three small thanks rattling around in the bottom of his basket.

More Than A Day

Our Pilgrim Fathers set sail from Plymouth, England, on August 20, 1620. Their small vessel made the journey in two months and introduced them to a winter during which one-half of the colony was destined to die from rigors of climate and disease. When, in the spring, the *Mayflower* returned from England free passage was offered to those desiring to return. But not one single person sought the privilege.

Such was the moral stamina of our founding fathers. They came to these shores because of a faith and a mission to establish for all God-fearing and freedom-loving people a new way of life even in a rugged forest. Herein lies the basic fact of the observance of our national holiday—Thanksgiving.

The Christian knows that a far greater motive than that which is discovered in this historical situation underlies Thanksgiving. As one reads world literature he discovers how characteristic the spirit of thanksgiving is to the religious peoples of the world. Men have recognized that the blessings of life have come into their experiences from a gracious heavenly Father.

Practically every psalm expresses thanksgiving. Jesus could say: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth." St. Paul would add: "In everything give thanks" and give thanks to God, "being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God." The Christian has received a great salvation for which he is constantly grateful. From this fundamental fact and faith the Christian life with its many expressions such as prayer, worship, stewardship, and service results.

A Blessing Meter

"Applause meters" are popular on many radio and TV programs. Marvelous prizes are given to program participants solely on the basis of popular response. Would it not be well to have a "blessing meter" for use at Thanksgiving time?

How effective would the "blessing meter" be as a list of our blessings might be read? Would the blessing meter register high over the fact that we have food in abundance, security, a good home, a school to which to go, friends who make life interesting? Would our "blessing meter" include parents, teachers, pastor and those we sometimes take for granted?

How high would the blessing meter register when we think of our work? Of our church? Of our nation? Will our thanks be loud enough for God to know that we are grateful for His blessings that we can never begin to comprehend?

Be Thankful

This Thanksgiving Day we should be thankful (1) *for peace.* Let us be thankful unto God for the United Nations, for prime ministers and secretaries of state who have held up before us the dream of international cooperation and good neighborliness; for interpreters who have assisted us in discovering the basic worth of men of other lands.

Secondly, let us be thankful *for the dignity with which the church of God has pursued her course* while surrounded by hysteria, excitement and excesses. Let us be grateful for the evidences of Christian charity in her public utterances, for the proof of her divine authority in her stalwart stand against hate, and for the genuineness of her inspiration as she prepares to bind up the flowing wounds now that hostilities have ceased.

Let us be thankful to God, thirdly, *for chemists, bacteriologists, engineers and physicists.* These are they who, coming up out of patient research, have endowed the earth with new glories. God has placed the secret of atomic energy into our hands for building a greater civilization.

Let us thank God, fourthly, *that we have an abundance to share with the starving millions.* As we share our plenty with those who have been allied with our nation and now even are called to feed the defeated nations, we can raise the song of harvest home.

How to Say "Thanks"

1. Feel grateful. Discuss how this is possible.
2. Live gratefully. Describe how this can be done.
3. Say "thank you."

Forgotten Servants

This year on Thanksgiving Day why not resolve to thank those who often go unthanked?

There is the high school teacher who wakes up our ambition. He deserves our thanks.

There is our Sunday school teacher who stimulates us to study God's Word. She would be more eager to serve if she heard our thanks.

There is the librarian who helps us cultivate a liking for good books. Her cordial service should receive our thanks.

There is our minister whose messages stir us to give our lives to God. He needs the encouragement which comes from our thanks.

There is the milkman who distributes milk while we slumber and sleep. His contribution to our welfare deserves our thanks.

There are father and mother, brother and sister, hired man and serving maid—the list is almost unending—all worthy through their sacrifices and faith and gifts of our thanks.

Why not give such to them on this Thanksgiving Day?

Group Discussion

Have the group discuss the blessings that have been listed during the meeting. What are some of the "forgotten blessings"? How can we express our appreciation for them? How can living a full and rich life be a kind of perpetual thanksgiving to God?

Conclude the discussion by repeating together Psalm 103:2, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

Help From The Scripture

M., Nov. 15. The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving. Psalm 116:12-19.
T., Nov. 16. Praising God. Psalm 147:1-12.
W., Nov. 17. Thanks at Meals. John 6:11.
T., Nov. 18. Thanksgiving in Face of Danger. Acts 27:33-36.
F., Nov. 19. Generosity with Thanksgiving. II Cor. 9:10-12.
S., Nov. 20. Expressing Thanksgiving. Luke 17:11-19.
Sun., Nov. 21. Topic—How Do You Say "Thank You"? Ps. 100; Ps. 92:1-8.

Senior-Young People

— NOVEMBER 28 —

The Money I Have to Spend

First Topic in a Series on "Our Responsibility To God"

Malachi 3:10; I Chronicles 29:11-13; Matthew 25:14-30

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This week's topic begins a new series entitled *Our Responsibility to God.* It will be concluded next week, in next month's *Christian Endeavor World* with an emphasis on the use of our time. The topic today, *The Money I Have To Spend,* relates itself to the use of our material possessions. It is a study in Christian stewardship, thus it is concerned with one of the most important phases of our entire lives. The leader today should be aware of its importance then strive to convey it to each one present at the meeting. Read some stewardship material. It may be found in many books, in Sunday school literature, in material available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Your pastor can provide or recommend other sources. A supply of *Tenth Legion* pledge cards may be obtained from Columbus and presented to the society. These offer the opportunity of a promise to tithe one's income and help for the one who pledges. Occurring in the Fall season, this is a vital topic, and will be easily related to the finance campaign of each local church, which usually comes about this time. Help your members to become good stewards and you will help them to truly live. Teach them the proper use of their God-given possessions.

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

1. What is the tithe? What is the Old Testament and New Testament teaching about the tithe?
2. Is it a fair means of determining our giving to God? Why?
3. Which is harder, to tithe an income of one dollar per week or a thousand dollars per week?
4. Why is Jesus concerned with the way we spend our money? And use our talent?
5. Describe what stewardship is. Specifically, what does it include?
6. How can we become better stewards?
7. How are we to be responsible to God?

Aim of The Topic

1. To bring God's teaching for us in the matter of the use of our money and time.

2. To consider how to properly use our own money.

God's Word Says

There are countless teachings about stewardship in the Bible. Indeed there are few other specific subjects that are considered as frequently. These is no reason to be apologetic in the matter of money and its relationship to the Kingdom of God. The Lord Jesus has often taught of its importance, sometimes re-affirming Old Testament lessons and sometimes bringing a new interpretation of its place. We may well do the same. Let's first study and accept the whole teachings of the whole Bible then strive to find some new and personal implication for our own lives. Every man's stewardship is somewhat different from his neighbor's, though the general principles are the same.

The portion of the Scripture lesson from I Chronicles 29: 11-13 gives a broad and inspiring picture of the glory and the ownership of God over all things. Note how it parallels the close of the Lord's Prayer. "Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all." Is this not convincing of His Lordship? "—in Thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength—." Where else can we find such promise? The only possible conclusion of a wise person is found in the 13th verse. "—Therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name." "We acknowledge Thee; we acknowledge our stewardship."

Study carefully the magnificent and unbounded promise of Malachi 3:10. What does God ask of us? What does He promise to us? Indeed, how great *could* that promise become? Consider its possibilities.

The New Testament teaching, from Matthew's 25th chapter, concerns itself directly with the responsibility of the individual in the use of his own personal possessions. No one can readily avoid placing himself in one of the classes. Either we are "five talent people," or two; or at least "one talent" servants. All have some possessions and abilities. One of the greatest teachings here is that *each one,* regardless of how much he possesses, do his proper and proportionate part. It was the one who did nothing that incurred the Master's wrath. We displease God by failing to give to Him in *proportion* to the way He blesses us. In this is the great virtue of the tithe. He cares not how much we give *in total;* He does care how much we bring *in proportion.* He specifically required that we bring one tenth of our income for His service.

The Money We Have

Whose is the money we possess? Is it ours or is it truly the property of the One Who has created *all* things? This is a question we should honestly face. In reality, all things are His, and He but gives us a life interest in them; He allows us to use them and to administer them as "trustees." "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out." (I Timothy 6:7). Does this give us any permanent title to the wonderful possessions of earth? Our money is a part of these possessions. It is but a medium of exchange that enables us to "trade" something we have for something another has. It is only a means to an end, not an end in itself.

Every thing we "possess" belongs to God. It is by His grace that we are granted all we have. Christ is concerned about the way we use our money, one of the most sought-after of our possessions, for this also belongs to God. We are forever indebted to Him as the Creator and Owner of the earth. It is but proper that we consider our money as a trust from God. This is often hard to understand and it is difficult indeed to reconcile to the implications of it. Our prayer should constantly be that God will make us more faithful stewards of the money and possessions which He has entrusted to our keeping for a little while.

Find These In Your Bible

M., Nov. 22. A Faithful Steward. Luke 16:9-13.
T., Nov. 23. Wilful Waste; Woeful Want. Luke 15:13, 14.
W., Nov. 24. Liberal Giving. Luke 21:1-4.
T., Nov. 25. Cheerful Giving. II Cor. 9:6-8.
F., Nov. 26. The Law of Liberality. Prov. 11:24-26.
S., Nov. 27. Demonstrating Christian Love. I John 3:16-18.
Sun., Nov. 28. Topic—The Money I Have to Spend. Malachi 3:10; I Chron. 29:11-13; Matt. 25:14-30.

Our Responsibility To God

Obviously we have a responsibility to our Heavenly Father. We are not our own; our possessions are not our own. Someday He will call us to an accounting of our stewardship. This applies to all the things of life.

An excellent definition is this, "Stewardship is the recognition of God as the owner of all things, and the use of all these things, money, time, talent, and influence—for the glory of God and the good of others." One tenth of our money is little compared with His blessing. A tithe of our time or talent is not enough. Surely the whole of our influence should be given for Him. "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24). Let us serve God with our best. A life of stewardship is the way to the best.

A SEED THOUGHT

"Every man's stewardship is alike, yet every one has different implications." What is your particular responsibility?

Missions on Wheels

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Righteousness Exalteth a Nation"

Philippians 3:13-16

Intermediate

— NOVEMBER 28 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Our Aim

1. To see how the spiritual needs of remote peoples and those in new communities can be met.

2. To gain an awareness of the church's mission to peoples of all classes and spheres.

3. To note new methods of missionary work.

Preparation for the Meeting

TO FOCUS INTEREST: Rearrange your meeting room, if possible. That builds up expectancy! Get a map of your community. Make one, if need be. Mount it neatly in view of the group, with a good light. Add a few pictures of interesting things in your community. Nearby place a globe of the world.

HYMNS: If yours is a country community, use "For the Beauty of the Earth" or "This is My Father's World," or "All Creatures of Our God and King."

If yours is a city community, try to use "The Fathers Built This City." It may be found in "The New Hymnal for American Youth" by Augustine Smith, and in "Singing Worship," by Edith Lovell Thomas, which the Juniors in your church may be using. If it is a new song, use it first as a solo or a quartet, or take time to teach it to the group so you can use it as a theme song.

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" is also appropriate.

You will want to help your group see that in most communities there is something good and something that is not good; that there are challenging things and uninteresting things; and that it depends upon the people in the community to determine what will happen to them because of these things. It is what we do to circumstances that determines what circumstances do to us.

"The true test of civilization is, not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops, but the kind of man that the country turns out."—*Emerson.*

The Leader's Talk

One of the things that makes Jesus different from most other leaders throughout the ages is that He cared so much for people. He cared for the poor, the old, the ill. the blind, those whose minds were sick, the children, the workers, the mothers, the men about Him. In fact, judging Him by the things He did and the things He taught, people held first place in His life. He spent His whole life helping people and He died still loving and forgiving people and so still helping them.

Jesus lived in the same community during His growing-up years.

Today few young people live in the same community in which they were born. They are moving to new areas or sections of the city as nearly 50 per cent of the population of the United States has moved in the past ten years. What problems does this pose?

People have established homes in remote places. Often no church is near. Missionary work is thus being carried on in new and remarkable ways.

Forgetting the methods of the past, the church is today employing many novel methods of carrying the Gospel to the hinterlands of our own continent. For example, the Rev. Lester Burry, with a snowmobile, a radio transmitter and a cabin cruiser, fights the isolation of his Labrador parish and brings practical Christian leadership to his people. In Newfoundland and up and down the west coast of the continent several denominations maintain mission boats with missionaries making periodic calls on isolated outposts, bringing the message of the Church to fishing hamlets and lumbering camps. On the prairies, "Chapels on Wheels" bring Sunday school and church worship services to communities that would otherwise be without the church. Bookmobiles carry Christian literature to outposts on this continent and on overseas mission fields. In Western Canada one denomination conducts communion service by radio. Some pastors with large parishes commute by small airplanes.

Talk to your pastor and women's missionary society president on types of missionary work your church is doing.

Show a filmstrip on missionary activities as may be secured from your denominational board of missions.

Ask your Council of Churches if migrant or other work is being done by the churches in cooperation.

This topic should result in a project to aid in spreading God's Word through whatever medium is being used.

The boys might make an electric map. Each spot of missionary activity is wired, and when a speaker talks about a particular area or country, an assistant lights the proper bulb. Have someone prepare a brief statement of the work of your denominational missions board and present it at the close of the counselor's remarks. As the short talk progresses, the map is lighted. The conclusion finds a clear display of all centers where Christian missionaries are now to be found around the world.

For Your Quiet Hour

M., Nov. 22. Our Part Amid Evil. Phil. 2:15, 16a.
T., Nov. 23. Our Hope Is Eternally New. Isaiah 42:5-11.
W., Nov. 24. New Ways. Isaiah 43:14-21.
T., Nov. 25. Building Anew. Isaiah 58:8-12.
F., Nov. 26. The Universal Gospel. Matt. 24:6-14.
S., Nov. 27. One Who Changes Not. Heb. 13:5-9.
Sun., Nov. 28. Topic—Missions on Wheels. Phil. 3:13-16.

Isn't Anybody Going to Do Something?

Discuss some of the definite ways in which young people can help to build and maintain a Christian America and world. The fact stands that at the present time our nation is not Christian and the young people are the ones who must change it.

In Montague's novel, *Rough Justice,* a crippled boy attends church for the first time. He is enthralled with the beautiful worship service and listens eagerly to the challenging sermon. When the minister pronounces the benediction he remains in his pew for a while and watches the people leaving in a hurry as though nothing unusual had happened. Then he looks up at the person sitting next to him and says, "Isn't anybody going to do something about it?" Too many times we hear what is wrong but we do nothing about curing the situation ourselves.

We shall continue to build our civilization. But we must not fail to take Jesus into our planning. Certainly He could assist us in building a spiritual life which would make that civilization the greatest ever. "What shall it profit a man (or a nation or a whole race) if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?"

Perhaps you will become discouraged in your task sometimes, but a Christian ought not to remain so. Thomas Edison once said this, "When everybody else is quitting on a problem, that is the time when I begin." The Christian faith that you possess should produce that kind of an attitude. Don't give up, for it's a worthy task.

Perhaps Christianity will not be entirely victorius during our lifetime, but someday all the non-Christian elements will be abolished as were the torture chambers, religious persecution and slavery. The day will come and we should be working towards it.

End with a worship service of thanks that Christianity has been such a strong force in the world, and close with prayer that we may find ways of strengthening its healing arms around the world.

A Practical Instance

A few years ago the *Readers Digest* carried an article on "His Parish Extends One Thousand Miles." It was the story of Rev. Bert J. Bingle who was a Presbyterian pioneer missionary in Alaska. Going into this remote area in the nineteen-twenties with his wife he established mission outposts which necessitated his serving the same often with sleds and dog-teams. People anticipated his coming to conduct services in their area even if the visit were only once each year. Now with the opening of the Alaskan Highway and the establishment of towns and communities with more people in residence, Rev. Mr. Bingle is seeing the fruitage of his work.

WORLD CONVENTION

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3,500 Societies in British Isles

"The Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland which embraces the activities of Christian Endeavor throughout the British Isles can report progress," Rev. Andrew Wright, general secretary of Area 2, stated. "In the three National Unions of Scotland, Ireland and Wales as well as in the societies throughout England there are signs of awakening. The ravages of war played havoc with the work, but it has emerged in renewed strength. Its total membership shows that at least two-thirds of its members are under the age of 21. It has over 3,500 societies. In the past year nearly 2,000 were brought into membership of the church, while over 12,000 of its members were engaged in Sunday school work."

"We can not forget the past," Dr. Harry N. Holmes of New York, formerly of Australia, honorary field secretary of the World's Union, warned. "We can never get a decent or good world until we get people to be Christians in spite of anything in the world. When you go back from this convention — how much is Jesus Christ going to count on you? Christian Endeavor in every year ahead is going to depend on all assembled here. It is an unholy thing not to do your best. Some future generation is going to thank God for your witness or be ashamed of it."

"What we need in this hour is competent young men and women who will give strength to the Christian faith," Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of Washington, D. C., one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches, declared Monday evening.

Communism Assailed

The Endeavorers spoke out against the soulless, atheistic paganism of Communism as they passed the resolutions presented by the committee madeup of Dr. Harry N. Holmes, United States, chairman; Samuel Grant, Scotland; Rev. J. Wesley Siebert, Canada; Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, India, and Lorna Wilkinson, England.

"In this convention we are of many nations and our several governments reflect many and often conflicting political viewpoints," the report of the Resolutions Committee stated. "Of these matters, at a Christian Endeavor World's Convention, we do not speak and to speak on them is not within our province. But it is in the fundamental principles of our society and in our loyalty to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, that we do speak with one voice."

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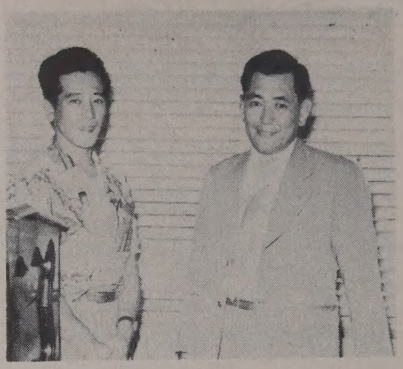

Two delegates from Hawaii to the World's C. E. Convention visit Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Walter Nomura (right), president of the Territory of Hawaii Union, and Teruo Ogawa, vice-president of the society at the Leper Colony of Kalaupapa, Molokai, Hawaii, stand by the desk of Dr. Francis E. Clark, on which the original constitution for Christian Endeavor was signed. Mr. Ogawa is in charge of maintenance at Kalaupapa.

"We dare not remain silent when we witness something dark and menacing assailing the minds of all men and threatening to engulf the world in paganistic materialism," the report continued. "There is no affinity between the message of Jesus Christ affirming the existence of God, the operation of an eternal moral order governing mankind, the responsibility and dignity of man's heritage as a son of God, that shackles the church itself, and the soulless, atheistic paganism of communism. Here and now and forever, we choose Christ and proclaim that choice to the world. 'Here we stand — we can do no other.' "

"Silent" Members Remembered

Another portion of the report of the Resolutions Committee as adopted is as follows:

"We pause in the deliberations of this convention to remember, to honor and pray for those of our number now silenced in lands once free. We stand fast with them in our common faith and claim for them in Christ a liberation of their bodies, even as their souls, in spite of dungeon, fire and sword, are still free. They cannot be enslaved. We honor and mourn our martyred dead. Over vast areas where once our Christian Endeavor movement flourished in societies and unions, now when the roll is called, silence is the answer. But Christian Endeavorers, this silence is not the answer. Even as I speak, about us here are the spirits of the just made perfect, the cloud of witnesses, those forever blessed, who, coming up through the great tribulation are forever with the redeemed of the Lord. Let us now, as they chose Christ even unto death, choose Him for life, choose Him for spiritual world conquest, choose Him for One World — One World, that shall be His World."

Four Spheres of Activity

Dr. James Kelly of Renfrewshire, Scotland, vice-president of the World's C. E. Union, gave messages each morning on "Spiritual Foundations of Christian Endeavor."

"Christian Endeavor is no orphan," Dr. Kelly emphasized. "It was born in the church, to do the work of the church, and to train its members for service in the church. In this it works in the closest cooperation with the Sunday school and other agencies of the church."

After elaborating on the church as one of the four great spheres of the Christian Endeavor movement Dr. Kelly stated that the second sphere of activity is the home.

"Sometimes the home is the most difficult place to be a Christian," Dr. Kelly delcared, "but if we are giving our loyalty to Christ the home is the place where we must begin."

Naming the community and the country as the third sphere of action Dr. Kelly challenged Endeavorers to stand against the desecration of Sunday, stand for temperance and purity, have no contact with gambling and to stand always and everywhere for Christian Citizenship of the highest and best order.

The world was declared by Dr. Kelly as the fourth sphere of activity. "Truly the sun never sets upon Christian Endeavor," he said. "This means we have a duty to stand for World Fellowship and World Peace."

Quiet Hour Speakers

Quiet hour services were conducted each morning at the Mayflower Hotel and at American University by Dr. G. Dewey Robinson, Washington, D. C.,

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of Division of Christian Education of African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Rev. Hedley W. Plunkett, Belfast, Ireland.

"This is an era that requires strong wills and great faith," Dr. Robinson told the youth.

"God not only deals with our past sin by blotting it out," Rev. Mr. Plunkett declared, "but He comes every day to assure us that sin shall not have dominion over us."

Fague K. Springman, professor of music, University of Maryland, led the singing for several convention sessions and was baritone soloist. B. McClain Cochran and Mahlon Hetrick also directed in song.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of International Society, was in charge of the closing moments at evening meetings. A number of youth presented testimonies at various sessions.

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C., where President Eisenhower is a member, gave the offertory prayer Monday. Musical selections were given by the Hawaiian Choir and a combined choir of Minnesota Avenue Christian Church, Washington, D. C., and the Christian Church, Rockville, Maryland.

Brief reports were presented Tuesday night by the following: Rev. Avedis Hassessian, Beirut, Lebanon; Rev. J. M. Fujita, Japan; Rev. and Mrs. Horace Cuthbert, Jamaica; Marguerite McTaggart, Grand Cayman Islands, B.W.I.; Barbara Connor, British Honduras, and Rev. Solomon Doraisawmy, India.

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Nov. 14. The Deaf Are Helped To Hear. Mark 7:31-37.

Nov. 21. The Crippled Are Helped To Walk. Matt. 17:14-21.

Nov. 28. How Christmas Seals Help. Matt. 25:31-45.

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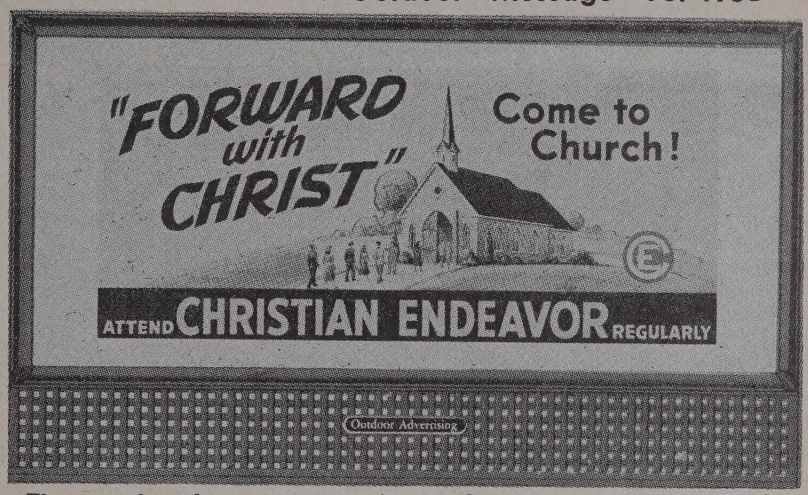

The annual outdoor poster campaign has been launched in connection with the celebration of Christian Endeavor Week. Harold E. Westerhoff is urging local and state unions to organize immediately for the promotion and distribution of the beautiful four-color poster featuring Christian Endeavor's theme, "Forward With Christ." November 15 is the deadline for ordering. Further information can be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. These posters are placed each year in hundreds of communities through the cooperation of individual poster plant owners who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

A ceremony was conducted at the Christian Endeavor Peace Oak Tree at Mount Vernon near the home of George Washington Wednesday. This tree was planted by Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of Christian Endeavor, following the First World's Christian Endeavor Convention held in Washington, D. C., in 1896.

Visit Congress and Embassies

Endeavorers visited historic and government places in the Capital City. Some from the United States went to see their congressmen and those from countries abroad their ambassadors. Several hundred saw Syngman Rhee, president of Korea, when he was entertained at the Mayflower Hotel.

Delegates three mornings attended conferences. Mrs. Daniel A. Poling spoke on "The Fellowship of Prayer" with Christina E. MacAskill, former executive secretary of Massachusetts Union, as chairman. Rev. Earle W. Gates, Derby, N. Y., conducted the class on "Planning the Christian Endeavor Program" with Dr. James W. Eichelberger, secretary, Board of Christian Education, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, serving as chairman. Russell S. Gowdey, president of New York State Union, presided at the conference on "What Christian Endeavor Believes" which was taught by Dr. Robert W. Rash, secretary, Department of Christian Education, United Brethren in Christ.

Beruit Is Next

Beruit, Lebanon, was picked as the place for the next World's Convention to be held in the summer of 1958. Invitations were also given from India, Japan, and Australia.

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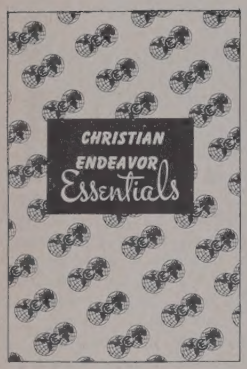

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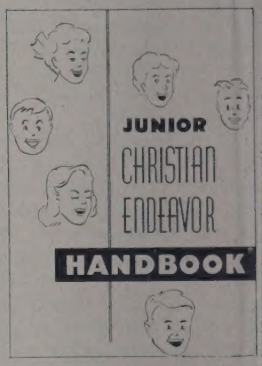

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